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TO: TEHRAN.

AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM COLBY

1. YOUR RETURN FOR MEETING WITH HOWARD BAKER HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN LOCAL PRESS AND REPRESENTATIVE LUCIEN NEDZI HAS ASKED THAT YOU ALLOW TIME WHILE HERE FOR AN APPEARANCE BEFORE HIS CIA SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.
2. SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF HIS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON ITS WATERGATE INVESTIGATION, NEDZI HAS RESPONDED TO PRESS INQUIRIES BY SAYING THAT HE HAS SEEN NOTHING NEW IN RECENT SPECULATION OR DISCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD WARRANT FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY HIS SUBCOMMITTEE. THIS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY TRUE WITH REGARD TO THE RECENT TURMOIL OVER THE TAPE DESTRUCTION ISSUE. HE HAS ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM FULLY ADVISED OF ALL FACTS AND DEVELOPMENTS HOWEVER AND WE HAVE DONE SO.
3. YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE NEDZI COULD PROVIDE A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ESTABLISHING THE FULL FACTS IN A FORUM APPROPRIATE TO CIA MATTERS AND CLARIFY SOME OF THE SENSATIONAL ACCOUNTS CARRIED BY THE PRESS.

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4. UNDERSTAND THE DEPARTMENT IS FORMALLY CONVEYING
NEDZI'S REQUEST THROUGH CHANNELS. E2 IMPDET.

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